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JAMES THOMAS BRIDGEFORTH ^{III}

DKT. NO. WDQ-11-0102

To: HONORABLE Judge William D. QUARLES, JR.
UNITED STATE DISTRICT Judge
(Also)

ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY: JOSHUA KAUL
(Also)

SUPERVISORY U.S. PROBATION OFFICER: REGINALD MORRISON

I AM writing in regards to my / our halfway house re-entry problems. As you may or may not be aware that we in Maryland are not receiving the correct amount of re-entry time. We, I excepted my plea agreement with the courts, then whom transferred my custody to FBOP to commence serving 120 sentence. THE Second Chance Act 18 U.S.C.S 3624(c)(1) authorizes the BUREAU OF PRISONS to consider placing inmates in residential re-entry centers for up to the final 12 months of their sentence, rather than merely the final 6 months. FBOP is only giving Maryland inmates 4 months or less regardless of amount of time served or where it was served or how you served it. I'm serving a 120 months, self surrendered to a federal camp and totally rehabilitated myself and only asking for your help (recommendation) to the FBOP regional office to at least give me the law of 54 days a year, at least 6 months halfway house, but up to 12 months but not to exceed my 10% time. This is not my law or your law but you do have the resources and knowledge to help me get what United States Courts AND I agreed to once I signed and accepted full responsibility for

FOR MY ACTIONS. THIS IN NO WAY AM ASKING FOR AN APPEAL, sentence reduction ETC.. ONLY LAW FOR AN INMATE THAT WAS SENT TO PRISON TO DO WHAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO DO AND THATS GET HELP, REHABILITATE, CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, MEET THE 5 CHARACTERISTIC TO RECEIVE MORE HALFWAY HOUSE OR HOME CONFINEMENT OF THE EXTRA TIME THATS ACTUAL STILL FBOP CUSTODY. I ALSO SERVED 1 YEAR IN RIGHT TURN HALFWAY HOUSE AND WASNT CREDITED THAT TIME, NOW IM BEING TOLD MORE TIME WILL BE TAKEN FROM ME. MY ARREST STARTED DEC. 20, 2010 UNTIL MAY 11, 2020 IF THEY DONT TAKE MORE. THATS 9 YEARS 5-6 MONTHS SERVED ON A 10 YEARS SENTENCE. PLEASE HELP ME GET JUSTICE THATS DO IS ALL AM HUMBLY REQUESTING. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND HELP

HONORABLE JUDGE WILLIAM D. QUANLES, JR.
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James Bridgeforth, III

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February 1, 2018

Congressman Elijah Cummings
2163 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: BOP Violating 18 U.S.C. § 3624

Dear Congressman Cummings:

I am currently incarcerated at the above captioned federal institution. The purpose of this letter is to respectfully seek your assistance regarding an issue that is affecting every federal inmate by severely compromising his/her chances for successful reentry into society.

Specifically, the new Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Director, Mark Inch, has issued a statement, which we are currently experiencing the effect of, that all halfway house placement will "average 4 months." The reality that we are experiencing is generally less than 4 months, even for inmates who have served lengthy sentences. (i.e. 10 years and over).

The problem with this newly imposed directive is that it violates the Second Chance Act (18 U.S.C. § 3624) which mandates that all inmates be given an "individualized assessment" based on the "5 factors enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 3621(b)". The Courts have previously admonished the BOP regarding the present posture of a "categorical approach" to halfway house placement and, ultimately ruled against it. In United States v. Woodall, 432 F.3d 235 (3d Cir. 2005) the Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the BOP's implementing regulations to 18 U.S.C. § 3624 were "invalid because they do not allow for the full consideration of the factors enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 3621(b)."

Currently, unmonitored, the BOP is now returning to the practice, ruled violative by the Court in Woodall, of using the "categorical approach" to halfway house placement. Reasonable inference allows the conclusion that, perhaps, the current budget constraints which threaten BOP staff cuts, afford no incentive for the BOP to release prisoners any earlier than mandated by their judgment. Obviously, the less inmates require less staff. This practice violates the statute governing reentry.

The Second Chance Act incorporates a safety valve of "home confinement," which the statute (§ 3624) mandates interaction for prerelease by the U.S. Probation Department, thus creating a viable alternative, with no additional cost to the BOP, to maintain sufficient reentry time, when the impediment of unavailable space in a particular CCC facility is the objection.

Congressman Cummings, the following group of bipartisan Senators, I believe, were incorporated to address this issue: Rob Portman (R-OH), Jon Cornyn (R-TX), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Shelton Whitehouse (D-RI), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Brian Schatz (D-HI). Thus far, we have only seen the reentry time being reduced and are unaware of any progress by this committee.

It would be of great assistance to us if you could inform these Senators and various Congressmen and Congresswomen, who sit on a companion committee, of the aforementioned facts and circumstances and the need for their immediate influence and correction in the law. Otherwise, the residual affect of allowing the BOP to continue the practice of categorical halfway house placement could be devastating. Numerous inmates who have served lengthy sentences would return to society with no buffer to ease their way back into society and obtain housing, gainful employment and the necessary self esteem to have a chance at a successful transition. We all know the results without this buffer, recidivism, which is exactly what happened to Woodall. (432 F.3d, p. 238). Nobody wishes those results.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration and I would greatly appreciate some feedback and direction from you and your colleagues.

Yours Truly,

James Bridgeforth, III

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EXPIRES: 03-06-2013
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----- EDUCATION INFORMATION -----

FACL	ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION	START DATE/TIME	STOP DATE/TIME
LEW	ESL HAS ENGLISH PROFICIENT	03-20-2012 1018	CURRENT
LEW	GED EARNED GED EARNED IN BOP	03-14-2013 1500	CURRENT

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LEW SCP	INDEPEND.COLLEGE CORRESPONENCE	07-01-2014	CURRENT				
LEW SCP	REAL ESTATE INVESTING	10-16-2017	12-22-2017	P	C	P	10
LEW SCP	GEOMETRY	01-11-2016	03-18-2016	P	C	P	10
LEW SCP	COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE	04-15-2015	07-08-2015	P	C	P	30
LEW SCP	RPP 3 CREDIT REPAIR	04-10-2015	07-07-2015	P	C	P	20
LEW SCP	HOW TO WRITE BUSINESS PLN RPP3	04-07-2015	06-30-2015	P	C	P	20
LEW SCP	RPP4 COMMUNITY RESOURCES	03-02-2015	03-02-2015	P	C	P	1
LEW SCP	RPP5 RELEASE REQUIREMENTS	03-02-2015	03-02-2015	P	C	P	1
LEW SCP	FORKLIFT TRAINING - SAFETY	10-28-2014	11-07-2014	P	C	P	16
LEW SCP	CHILDREN'S DAY/PARENTING 2014	08-08-2014	08-10-2014	P	C	P	8
LEW SCP	RELEASE PREP - HEALTH/WEELLNESS	08-01-2013	08-01-2013	P	C	P	1
LEW SCP	HEALTH FAIR INFORMATION VII	08-01-2013	08-01-2013	P	C	P	4
LEW SCP	PER GROWTH-WRITTEN COMMUNICATN	06-26-2012	12-17-2012	P	C	P	20
LEW SCP	PER FINANCE-BUSINESS START-UP	07-11-2012	12-21-2012	P	C	P	20
LEW SCP	GED CLASS LEC	06-13-2012	03-14-2013	P	C	P	430
LEW SCP	ADVANCED PARENTING 3	09-24-2012	01-04-2013	P	C	P	30
LEW SCP	ADVANCED PARENTING	07-09-2012	09-24-2012	P	C	P	30
LEW SCP	PER FINANCE-INTRO BUSINESS	04-20-2012	06-27-2012	P	C	P	20
LEW SCP	PER GROWTH-CRITINCAL THINKING	04-20-2012	06-26-2012	P	C	P	20
LEW SCP	PARENTING CLASS	04-06-2012	07-09-2012	P	C	P	30
LEW SCP	GED CLASS LEC	04-19-2012	06-13-2012	C	W	I	0
LEW SCP	EMPLOYMENT-JOB VIEW KIOSK	03-21-2012	03-21-2012	P	C	P	1

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	MATH	500.0	03-14-2013	LEW	IH	PA
	SCIENCE	480.0	03-14-2013	LEW	IH	PA
	SOC STUDY	500.0	03-14-2013	LEW	IH	PA
	WRITING	500.0	03-14-2013	LEW	IH	PA
GED PRAC	LIT/ARTS	650.0	02-15-2013	LEW	PB	
	MATH	510.0	02-15-2013	LEW	PB	
	SCIENCE	450.0	02-15-2013	LEW	PB	
	SOC STUDY	470.0	02-15-2013	LEW	PB	
	WRITING	490.0	02-15-2013	LEW	PB	
TABE D	BATTERY	8.8	04-13-2012	LEW	9	
	LANGUAGE	7.4	04-13-2012	LEW	9	
	MATH APPL	9.0	04-13-2012	LEW	9	
	MATH COMP	7.8	04-13-2012	LEW	9	

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GUIDELINES FOR INMATE TOWN DRIVER

This is a guideline statement for daily town trips made by the Federal Prison Camp, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** You are being assigned to the position of inmate town driver. The assignment carries with it a great deal of trust and responsibility. Your duties will require numerous contacts with the local public, and as such, you are a representative of the Federal Prison Camp, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Your actions must be geared to bringing credit to the institution.
2. **SUPERVISION - JOB CONTROLS:**
 - A. Town driver will be supervised by the Garage Foreman and the Camp D/W Officers.
3. **GENERAL DUTIES:**
 - A. Operate government vehicles (cars, vans, pick-up trucks) while providing transportation, as the driver, for institution staff, other government employees, and inmates generally to and from the institution.
4. **SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**
 - A. Work with a minimum of supervision in an independent manner, while driving government vehicles and providing transportation for institution staff and inmate's being released to the surrounding commuting areas and on medical furlough to local offices and hospitals.
 - B. Working hours will vary, in that the trips may be early or late in the day. Your scheduled time away from the institution may cause you to miss meal hours at the institution. You will be provided a brown bag meal.
 - C. Responsibility for maintenance of the vehicles is not placed on the driver; however, cleaning of the vehicle will be maintained by the town driver. The same vehicles are generally used for these scheduled trips. The inmate town driver must ensure the vehicles are fueled and fluid levels are maintained, and that any problems or discrepancies regarding the vehicle are brought to staff's attention prior to departure.
 - D. Any problems encountered during the trip, mechanical or otherwise, will be reported immediately by cell phone to the institution's Control Center, which has been pre-programmed into the cell phone.

5. ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES: As a town driver, you agree to the following conditions:

- A. You will not violate the laws of any jurisdiction (federal, state, or local).
- B. As previously noted, you will adhere to the provided itinerary and understand any failure to follow the itinerary or return to the institution at the designated time shall constitute an escape, and that you will be subject to prosecution.
- C. You will be financially responsible for all speeding, parking, or other traffic tickets issued to you. If you do not have sufficient funds to pay for the violations, you agree with having a hold on your commissary account until you pay all fines. In addition, traffic violations may result in your removal from this work assignment.

6. You will not purchase, possess, use, consume, or administer any narcotic drugs, marijuana, or intoxicants in any form. It has been determined that the consumption of poppy seeds may cause a positive drug test, which may result in disciplinary action. You will not consume any poppy seeds or items containing poppy seeds while in the community. You are aware that upon return to the institution, you may be subject to a urinalysis test or digital search, if the Warden reasonably believes you are concealing contraband in or on your person. You agree to contact the institution if any problems are encountered while in the community.

This is a sensitive position with regard to dealing with staff and members of the community. Appropriate demeanor is expected at all times. You must maintain a personal appearance consistent with institution rules and policy. You are never to discuss anything regarding trip information with another inmate. The slightest deviation from schedules without proper notification to the institution will not be tolerated. You shall be provided a cell phone to contact the institution if schedule changes occur. Any valid complaint of inappropriate behavior shall result in disciplinary action and termination from the job.

JAMES BRIDGEFORTH 5328-037
Printed Name & Register No.

X James T. Bridgeforth
Inmate Signature

J. Adams / J. Adams
Unit Manager / Staff Witness

12/5/17
Date

cc: Inmate
Inmate Central File



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Federal Bureau of Prisons
United States Penitentiary
2400 Robert F. Miller Drive
Lewisburg, PA 17837

August 1, 2017

RE: Bridgeforth III, James Thomas
Reg. No. 53128-037

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to inform you that James Thomas Bridgeforth III is currently incarcerated in the Federal Bureau of Prison and has been since March 19, 2012. He currently has a projected release date of September 12, 2020.

If you require any additional information, please contact Charles Berkoski, Case Manager, at, 570-523-1251.

Sincerely,

Charles Berkoski
Charles Berkoski,
Case Manager

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